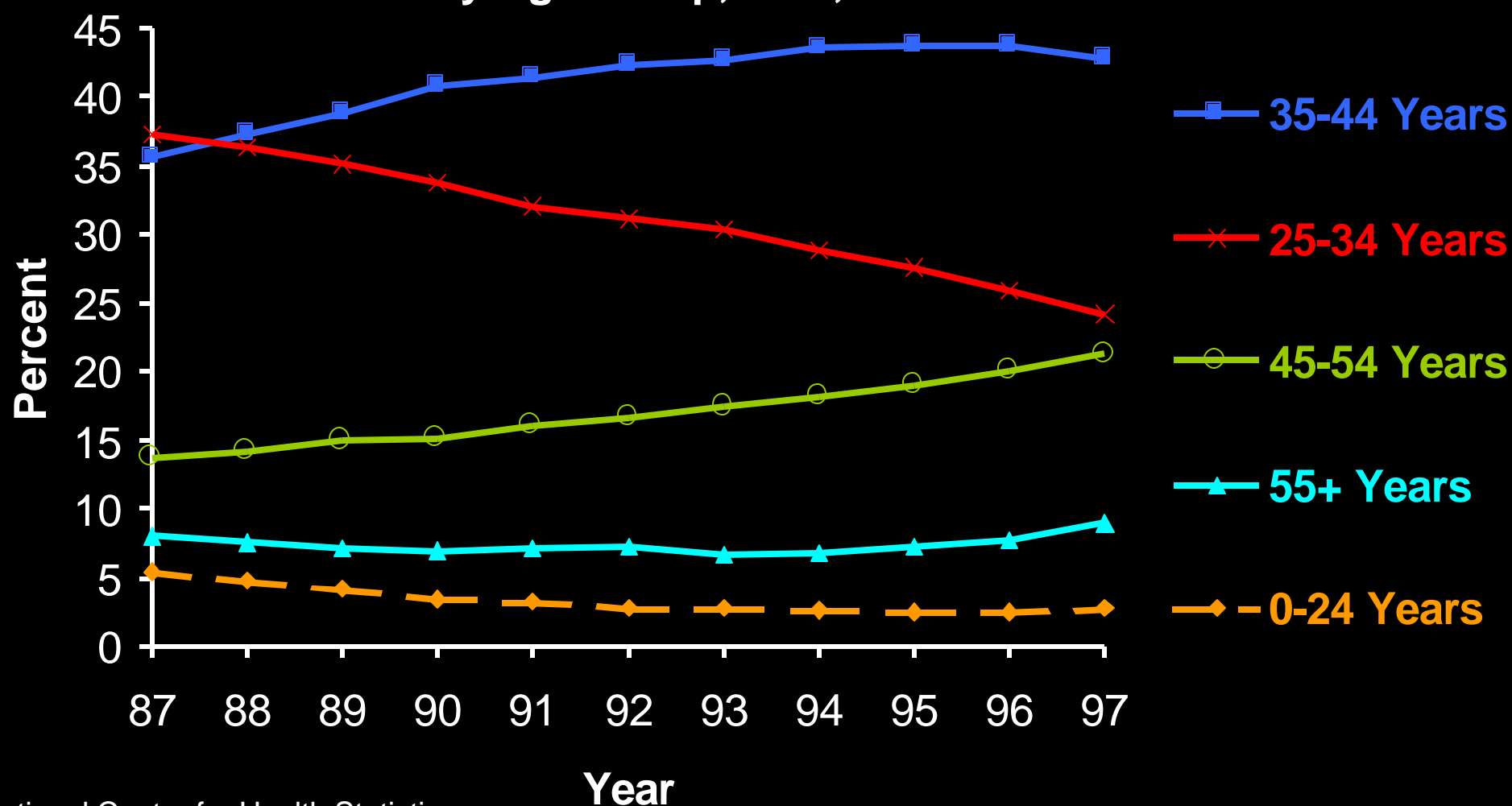


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Between 1987 and 1997, the percentage of deaths from HIV infection that occurred at ages under 35 years decreased, while the percentage at older ages increased. The median age at death from HIV infection increased from 36 years to 40 years during this period. One reason for these changes may be longer survival of HIV-infected persons, allowing them to reach older ages before they die.